

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0082351 (Westman) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0249949 (Gourraud et al.). Claims 6 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westman in view of Gourraud et al. and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0080897 (Tranchina et al.).

By the present response, Applicant has canceled 7, 8, 16 and 17 without disclaimer and amended claims 1 and 10 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-6, 9-15 and 18 remain pending in the present application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 1 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant has amended these claims to further clarify the invention and respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westman in view of Gourraud et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Regarding claims 1 and 10, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, *inter alia*, registering the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device with the site based PTT/M equipped devices and the site based PTT/M equipped devices with the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device such that normal group PTT/M communications can take place, the registering comprising: on a site based PTT/M equipped devices PTT/M network server, adding the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device ID; and on a visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device PTT/M network server, adding site based PTT/M equipped device IDs, or de-registering the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device with the site based PTT/M

equipped devices and the site based PTT/M equipped devices with the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device when the PTT/M equipped mobile device goes off-site, off-site, the de-registering comprising: on the site based PTT/M equipped devices PTT/M network server, removing the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device ID; and on the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device PTT/M network server, removing the site based PTT/M equipped device IDs.

The Examiner appears to admit that Westman does not disclose or suggest these limitations in the claims of the present application but asserts that Gourraud et al. discloses these limitations in paragraphs 33-44. However, Gourraud et al. merely discloses a PTT service that allows for a content provider server to send voice and multimedia information to a subscriber's group defined in a single Application Server. This is not registering the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device with the site based PTT/M equipped devices and the site based PTT/M equipped devices with the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device such that normal group PTT/M communications can take place, the registering comprising: on a site based PTT/M equipped devices PTT/M network server, adding the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device ID; and on a visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device PTT/M network server, adding site based PTT/M equipped device IDs. Gourraud et al. merely discloses a single Application Server 24, 214 that has a PTT module that services all subscribers. Gourraud et al. does not disclose or suggest a site based PTT/M equipped devices PTT/M network server, and a visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device PTT/M network server, as recited in the claims of the present application. Moreover, Gourraud et al. does not disclose or suggest adding the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device ID on a site based PTT/M equipped devices PTT/M network server, or adding site based PTT/M equipped device IDs on a visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device PTT/M network server. Further Westman does not disclose or suggest these limitations in the claims of the present application.

Similarly, none of the cited references disclose or suggest the de-registering comprising: on the site based PTT/M equipped devices PTT/M network server, removing the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device ID; and on the visiting PTT/M equipped mobile device PTT/M network server, removing the site based PTT/M equipped device IDs.

Regarding claims 2-5, 9, 11-14 and 18, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 10 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding these independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1-5, 9-14 and 18 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Claims 6 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westman in view of Gourraud et al. and Tranchina et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 10 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding these independent claims. Applicant submits that Tranchina et al. does not overcome the substantial defects noted previously regarding Westman and Gourraud et al.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 6 and 15 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 9-15 and 18 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspects of this amendment, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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